

# Gordon Russell Design Museum

## Accessibility Statement

### March 2022

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to the Museum's suitability for those with access needs, but aims to describe accurately the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Located in the original workshop, the Museum celebrates the life and work of Gordon Russell and his Company over a period of sixty years in Broadway, Worcestershire. Its unique collection of furniture embraces a range of styles spanning this rich period of design: from the Arts and Crafts to '30s streamline Modernism; Utility Furniture to 1980s luxury postmodernism. To complement this collection the Museum has an extensive archive of original drawings, notebooks, catalogues and correspondence, as well as access to the firm's original reference library.



The Museum is located in Russell Square opposite the Warner's Budgens supermarket. There is flat access to the Museum from the High Street. The Museum was opened in 2008 and is in a Grade II listed building, which used to be the drawing office and workshop of Gordon Russell Ltd. The displays are arranged over two floors, and there is a lift to the first floor. You should allow around an hour to look around the Museum. We have a Reception staffed by volunteers, who are also on hand to assist and provide further information regarding the works on display. We also encourage visitors to touch objects on open display.

There is a small shop in our reception area on the ground floor.

The Museum is a registered charity (number 326446).

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please telephone 01386 854695 or email [info@gordonrusselldesignmuseum.org](mailto:info@gordonrusselldesignmuseum.org)

## **Pre-Arrival**

For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the 'plan your visit' page on our website: [www.gordonrusselldesignmuseum.org/visiting/](http://www.gordonrusselldesignmuseum.org/visiting/). Journey planning websites such as Google Maps can also be used to plan your trip - our postcode is WR12 7AP.

The nearest railway station is Honeybourne which is 8.3 miles from the Museum (an 18 minute journey by road). The station is fully accessible for wheelchair users and accessible taxis are available at the station or can be booked in advance.

Broadway is covered by bus routes to and from Evesham, Stratford-upon-Avon and Cheltenham. For more information about these routes, please visit <http://www.visit-broadway.co.uk/local-services/public-transport.php>.

Access from the High Street is level, either on paved walkways or tarmac roads.

The Museum is accessible by bicycle and information about cycle routes can be found here: <http://www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/county-cycling/Worcestershire>.

## Car Parking and Arrival

There are blue badge holders' spaces in the Budgens' car park outside the Museum, and Budgens has said they are happy for Museum visitors who hold blue badges to use these. There are also two spaces in the Swan Inn car park and three spaces on the High Street, although the High Street spaces are limited to 60 minutes.

There are three public car parks in Broadway, all of which have blue badge holders' spaces, and further details, including charges, can be found here: <http://www.visit-broadway.co.uk/local-services/car-parks.php>



*The Museum entrance, via a ramp from Russell Square*



The Museum entrance can be reached from Russell Square via a ramp or via four stone steps. The Museum entrance has a glass door which opens inwards. If opening the door is difficult there is a bell that can be rung on the right hand side of the door to call for assistance from reception. The door is 94cm wide.

## Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area



*The main entrance and shop, showing entrance to the ground floor gallery space beyond the reception desk*

The museum reception and shop is immediately inside the front door. There is level access and the entry area is completely step free.

There is no seating on the ground floor.

The floor surface is wooden throughout the reception/shop.

The area is evenly and well-lit with overhead lighting from angles LED lights.

The reception desk is at a suitable height for wheelchairs.

A pen and pad of paper can be provided at reception if needed. The Museum does not charge entry for carers. We welcome trained assistance dogs. Volunteer stewards are often on hand to help guide people around the building and explain the exhibits to visitors.

## Ground Floor Gallery



*The ground floor gallery space*

The ground floor has level access through a glass door which is 99cm wide and there are stairs at each end of the building leading up to the first floor. The stairs have handrails but should not be climbed by visitors with mobility problems.



*The staircase from the ground floor gallery to the first floor*

There is limited space for wheelchairs around the bottom of the stairs, but staff or volunteers will be happy to move objects from this area should visitors wish to look at them more closely. The Museum is looking at ways to improve this space and make it more accessible.

The ground floor gallery has a wooden floor.

Furniture objects are on open display and visitors are encouraged to open drawers and cabinet doors. All objects are captioned and information is displayed on panels on the walls.

The gallery is lit with LED spotlights and uplighters.

Music and sound are rarely used in the Museum except on a film playing on a wall-mounted screen and in occasional temporary exhibits.

There are very few doors that are closed in the museum, except for those into our temporary exhibition galleries which are kept shut to control the environment. Staff or volunteer stewards can assist with opening these doors.



There is a lift to the first floor from the shop area and the lift door is 86cm wide.

*The lift from the shop area to the first floor*

## **First Floor Gallery and Archive**

The first floor gallery can be accessed either via the stairs or the aforementioned lift. The door into the gallery is 99cm wide and the floor is carpeted throughout.

There are a number of seats on the first floor. Furniture is on open display and there is a glass case displaying objects from the Archive. Information is displayed as photographs and captions, both freestanding on objects of furniture and mounted to the walls at varying heights. There is a television showing a film on a loop.

The gallery is lit by LEDs and striplights.

The Archive is located on the first floor and is fully accessible. Furniture can be moved to accommodate those with particular access requirements. Appointments to undertake research in the Archive can be made by e-mailing [info@gordonrusselldesignmuseum.org](mailto:info@gordonrusselldesignmuseum.org).





*The first floor gallery*

## **Public Toilets**

We do not have toilets available on site, but there are accessible toilets located close by in the short stay car park: <https://www.visit-broadway.co.uk/local-services/broadway-high-street-car-park.php>.



## Comments and suggestions

If you have visited the Museum and you would like to make a comment or suggestion about how we can improve its accessibility, please let us know by contacting us via the details below.

## Contact Information

Address: Gordon Russell Design Museum, 15 Russell Square, Broadway, Worcestershire WR12 7AP

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Hours of Operation: Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays 10am to 4pm (dependent on volunteers' availability - please check our online ticket availability which is kept up to date with any closures: <https://gordon-russell-design-museum.arttickets.org.uk/gordon-russell-design-museum/2020-08-20-general-admission>).